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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The reply filed on 6/5/2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): A list of all claims 1-101 with status identifier must be provided. New claims 19-103 do not comply with the requirement of 37 CFR 1.173 because the applicant fails to point out where there is support for the amendment. Furthermore, in the amendments of 2/27/2003 and 5/24/2002 some newly added claims 20,72,100,101 were canceled and additional new claims 94-110 were added. The error stated in the original reissue declaration of 4/24/2000 is no longer existed. Applicant is requested to provide the proper support. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Since this application has been granted special status under the accelerated examination program, NO extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be permitted.

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